GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Elephant Corridor
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a charity organisation, Elephant Family is committed to setting up 100 elephant corridors in various States of the country in association with Wildlife Trust of India and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the facilitation of movement of elephants through the corridors involves rehabilitation of the villagers living in the corridors and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the 100 elephant corridors that the Charity Organisation wants to work on have been identified and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the consent and cooperation of the local populace have been enlisted for this project and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)Elephant Family, an international NGO, has reportedly pledged to raise funds for protection and securing of elephant corridors in India. It is currently assisting Forest Department and Wildlife Trust of India in securing (i) Kalapahar- Daigurung elephant corridor in Karbi Anglong district, Assam and (ii) Tirunelli-Kudrakote elephant corridor in Wayanad district, Kerala.

(b)Elephant corridors are secured through voluntary relocation of settlements and/or acquisition of land. In case of Kalapahar-Daigurung elephant corridor voluntary relocation of two settlements is involved and in case of Tirunelli-Kudrakote 25 acres of land has been purchased from 37 families for facilitating movement of elephants.

(c)The Elephant Task Force Report, 2010 "Gajah" has identified 88 elephant corridors in the country, out of these 7 corridors has become dysfunctional and 18-20 new corridors are being used by elephants. Thus at present there are approximately 100 elephant corridors in the Country. Elephant Family has funded protection and securing of only 2 corridors, mentioned in part (a) of the question.

(d)Consent and cooperation of local people is obtained for protection and securing of elephant corridors.

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